

REMARKS

Applicants have made minor amendments to the specification, none of which involves introduction of new matter. For example, the amendments in paragraphs [0024] (page 8) and [0025] (page 11), serve to correct the total number of amino acid residues in the GRK4 isoforms epsilon and zeta, which are set forth in pages 9-11 and designated as SEQ ID NOS:5 and 6. These sequences contain 486 and 454 amino acid residues respectively.

In addition, Applicants are adding new claims 39-44, directed to various disclosed GRK4 isoforms associated with essential hypertension. Newly added claims 45 and 46 find support in paragraph [0039] in page 25.

Since no new matter is being added, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and initiation of prosecution on the merits.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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